

from 3-methyl-4-aminophenol and the acid addition salts of said at least one oxidation base in a medium appropriate for keratinous fibers, and

wherein said second compartment comprises at least one enzyme of the laccase type in a medium appropriate for keratinous fibers.--

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-21 are canceled. Claims 22-58 have been added, and are fully supported by the original application disclosure. No new matter has been added.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would be helpful in advancing the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at (202) 408-4082.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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